# Asian American Heritage Committee

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## Members present:

Dr. Shiono, Mrs. Shiono, Karen Yee, Luck Kosoladolkitt, Saroj Bahl, Judi Stemmler, Anil Parikh, Mari-Lou Wong-Chong, Donna

# Next meeting:

# Wednesday November 20, 2002 10:00 AM Room 913 Federal Bldg.

# **December Meeting/Social:**

Think of a place where we can hold our annual meeting/social. Dave suggests – Ya Fei – Robinson Town Center

### LUNCHEON:

Two facilities have been tentatively booked for our luncheon in May. The Churchill Valley Country Club and the William Pitt Union Ballroom – University of Pittsburgh. The cost for the luncheon at both places will be around \$20.00. An added cost at Pitt would be for parking, whereas at the country club it would be free. We also considered having it at the History Center but we get the feeling that the cost would be over \$20.00 but

we are sill exploring this possibility. Final decision will be made at the November meeting.

Sample menus attached

#### **HISTORY CENTER:**

At the September meeting we asked that each group supply Nancy with a list of people or organizations within your community that you would like to see receive information about our upcoming events. Any group who has not done so, please bring your list to the meeting or mail, e-mail to Donna.

Nancy also presented to the group an event taking place in December at the center revolving around Folk Art. If any group is interested in participating we will have more information available at the next meeting or contact Nancy at the History Center.

#### STUDENT NOMINATION FORMS:

With a few minor adjustments, the nomination forms should be completed by next meeting and will be printed and assembled over the Christmas holidays. They will be mailed to the schools the first and second weeks in January 2003. The forms will also be available on the website. www.pittsburgh.feb.gov

Possible essay topics:

Diversity – America's Pride Where do you see yourself 10 years from now What known Asian American would you say has impacted your life

Any other suggestions??????

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

Dave has contacted James Knights, FBI Applicant Coordinator, to speak at the meeting. It seems that the FBI is looking for a few good men/women of ethnic backgrounds and would like to address our group.

**Financial outlook**: Dave will address inre: operating fees – scholarship award – student SSN

**Committee concern**: It has been brought to the attention of the Committee that attendance at our meetings has been dwindling. Our roster shows that there are approximately 26-30 members on the Committee but at each meeting we seem to see

the same faces. We realize that there are times when your work schedule will not permit attendance and we understand this, but over the years we have tried to accommodate all different work and school schedules. So.....